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12-Part Excerpts From Book to Appear Starting Oct. 17

The New York Times has acquired the syndication rights to the memoirs of former President Lyndon B. Johnson, and will publish excerpts in The Times starting Oct. 17.

Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, president and publisher of The Times, said in announcing the syndication acquisition yesterday: "The New York Times is yery pleased to have the opportunity of publishing President Johnson's own version of the momentous events in which he played such a vital role and which have been the subject of so much controversy."

The book, entitled, "The Van-vage Point," will be published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston this fall.

Mr. Johnson's memoirs, which he has described as a reflection of his personal view of his Administration rather than a definitive historical documentation of his five years in the Presidency, presents Mr. Johnson's version of the events leading to this country's involvement in Southeast Asia.

Those portions of "The Vantage Point" that deal with the conflict in Vietnam, according to Mr. Johnson, have not been rewritten or altered in any way since the publication by The Times and other newspapers of portions of the secret Pentagon study of the same period.

The memoirs are being edited for release as a 12-part series that will also be offered for publication to other newspapers in the United States, Canada and overseas through Special Features, the newspaper's syndicate division.

Also distributed with the text will be at least 30 photographs, most of which have never been published before."